

Status Report

July 23, 2010

1,405 visibly oiled birds have been collected alive by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the states and our partners in response to the Deepwater Horizon/BP oil spill. Of those, 551 birds have been rehabilitated and released.

About 600 Service personnel are actively engaged in the response, working to protect wildlife and their habitats, including 36 national wildlife refuges. They are also assessing the damage from the oil spill in preparation for the work that will be needed to restore the Gulf of Mexico.

Service personnel worked with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers in Mobile, AL to repair uncapped pilings which were attracting and harming pelicans. Also in Mobile, 151 volunteers looking for oil and supporting cleanup operations covered 337 miles of shoreline.

In Louisiana, federal and state biologists spotted 65 oiled pelicans on Raccoon and Whiskey Islands. They did not attempt recovery due to high winds and the potential for disturbing the breeding colony.

Also in Louisiana, heavy oil was observed in Southwest Pass and about 12 miles offshore of the Chandeleurs Islands and on the eastern portion of Garden Island. In Cameron Parish, oil is spread over a one-mile area of shoreline.

Service personnel moved equipment from the bird rehabilitation facility in Fort Jackson, LA to the new facility in Hammond, LA.

Incident Command Centers in Houma, Louisiana and Mobile, Alabama cancelled air and boat wildlife operations due to inclement weather. Service personnel are making necessary preparations in the Florida Keys for Tropical Storm Bonnie.

By the Numbers

Personnel Involved

Overall personnel responding: approximately 41,200

Response Vessels

Total vessels responding more than 4,300

Boom Data

Total boom deployed: more than 2,126 miles

Boom available: more than 729 miles

Oil Recovered

Oily water recovered: more than 34.7 million gallons

Amount estimated burned: more than 11.14 million gallons

Dispersant

Surface dispersant used: approximately 1.07 million gallons

Subsea dispersant used: approximately 771,000 gallons

Total dispersant used: approximately 1.84 million gallons

Shoreline Impacted

Shoreline impacted over last 24 hours: approximately 630 miles of Gulf Coast shoreline is currently oiled—approximately 364 miles in Louisiana, 107 miles in Mississippi, 70 miles in Alabama, and 89 miles in Florida.